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1. AS MATTER OF TOP PRIORITY WILL YOU PLEASE ARRANGE TO HAVE IT LEAKED TO PRESS, INCLUDING AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS, IN PANAMA THROUGH DEPENDABLE CUTOUT THAT PLANES REFERRED TO ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN VENEZUELAN AIRCRAFT. AS PART OF STORY BE SURE TO INCLUDE:

A. THAT FOUR AIRCRAFT WHICH LANDED TOCUMEN INCLUDED ONE PLANE WITH NO VISIBLE MARKINGS;

B. THAT OTHER THREE PLANES WERE ~~A~~ C-54'S WITH VENEZUELAN MARKINGS ;

C. THAT ALL PLANES WERE PILOTED BY VENEZUELAN OFFICERS;

D. THAT ~~PLANES~~ PLANES WERE MET AT AIRPORT BY VENEZUELAN DIPLOMATS WHO WOULD NOT PERMIT PANAMANIAN POLICE TO BOARD;

E. THAT PLANES WERE REPORTED ENROUTE FROM MIAMI TO VENEZUELA, BUT THAT

F. IT IS RUMORED THAT THEY FILED NO FLIGHT PLAN AND WERE NOT PROCESSED BY PANAMANIAN CUSTOMS OR IMMIGRATION;

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G. THAT NEW YORK TIMES JUNE 23 HAS REPORT DATED SAN JOSE COSTA RICA DTD 22 JUNE, THAT UNIDENTIFIED PLANE OF FOUR-ENGINE TYPE FLEW OVER THAT DATE SCATTERING LEAFLETS; AND THAT PLANE REFUSED TO ANSWER CONTROL TOWER AND FLEW OFF TO THE NORTH REPEAT NORTH; AND THAT COSTA RICAN POLICE STATED THEY LEARNED FROM PANAMA THAT PLANE LANDED AT PANAMA CITY AFTERNOON 22 JUNE.

2. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO INSERT IN THIS PLANTED LEAK THE SUGGESTION OR INFERENCE THAT THE LEAFLET DROP IN COSTA RICA MAY HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AS COVER FOR AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT OPERATION IN ANOTHER LOCALITY. (DO IT JUST THIS WAY AND DO NOT INDICATE LOCALITY.)

END OF MESSAGE

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